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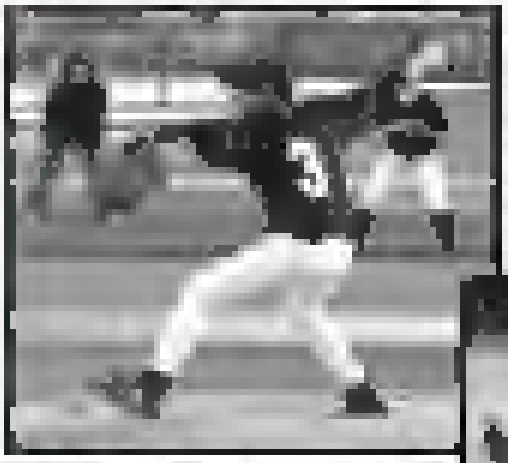
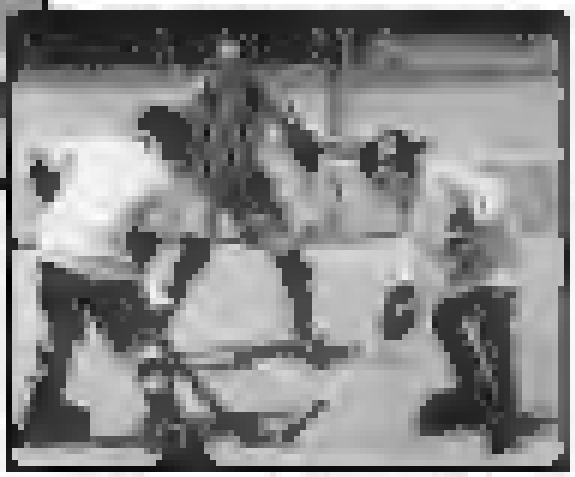
Lafayette Parks, Trails & Recreation

Creating Community and Enhancing the Quality of Life for the People of Lafayette





LAFAYETTE MASTER TRAILS PLAN:

A Unique Opportunity

Alert and lighthearted, I take to the open road
Healthy, free, the world before me
The long brown path before me
leading wherever I choose
Until forever, I will sniff and good fortune

— Walt Whitman

Many neighborhood trails are broken into development with many users.

Lafayette has an amazing network of over 10 miles of creek corridors, ready for trail users. Unfortunately, many of these corridors are fragmented by development, and the completion of a connected trail system, including connections to Open Space regional trails like Briones, Lafayette Reservoir, Mount Diablo State Park and Las Trampas Regional Wilderness, is a challenge. Together, these trails could provide over forty miles of recreational opportunities for hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

Fortunately, we have Lafayette's Open Space Committee, a dedicated, well informed and highly organized group of local citizens who are willing to devote their time and resources to preserving and enhancing our trails, and to developing and maintaining new trail opportunities. Consequently, the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission is currently working on updating the Lafayette Trails Master Plan.

The Goals & Objectives of the Plan include:

- Providing diversity in trail experiences including variety in terrain, difficulty, environment, and the implementation of more passive opportunities.
- Providing safe, well marked, connected loop trails, open space, schools, commercial facilities, and other trail systems within the Lamorinda area.
- Providing local accessible trail providing an array of maintenance to reduce trail safety.
- Developing a process for acquiring new trail segments and working cooperatively on private property so that future trail agreements will not have legal control issues.

The trails system as described in the plan will provide access to public, private and school owned that represent a large and natural amenity to the community. Where feasible, the proposed trails will interconnect, providing a comprehensive trails system.

Look for a draft of the Trails Master Plan to be posted on the city's website – **www.lovelafayette.org** – by the Fall.

Get to Know Your Neighborhood Trails

Imagine in your own backyard, there are beautiful valleys, peaceful hillsides, streams and unexpected pathways – all of which offer a treasure chest of relaxation and inspiration. We encourage you, your family and friends to explore your neighborhood trails and explore the areas beyond by linking the segmented networks of trails, all of which are available to you exclusively for the use of you. Horseback riding is allowed where posted, and dogs are allowed on leashes, but bicycles and motorized vehicles are prohibited on these trails. These trailer trails have been designed by neighborhood use to provide easy access to the valley's open, regional parks and natural features.

■ Silver Springs Loop • Distance: 1.39 miles

The beginning of this trail is at the end of Silver Springs Court. In the past, this loop was popular in the valley between Lafayette & Moraga. In this area, the trail meanders among open fields, wide hill views of Mount Diablo and grassy, country landscapes and has several ravines to cut across.

■ Moraga Road to Reservoir Rim. Distance: .82 miles

The entrance from Moraga Road is just south of the intersection of Moraga Road and Via Granada. The trail follows the wooded hillside and ravine beneath redwood tree branches. The views to the city and down into the low profile of a mid-valley is more open and similar to the hill top several completed neighborhoods. Pleasant homes will be enjoyed with a magnificent view and access to the Reservoir trails.

■ Pine Johnson Trail • Distance: .78 miles

Note: Parking not permitted on Arrowood Road

This trail may be accessed on foot starting at the entrance on Deer Hill Road and Arrowood Road. Walking up Deer Hill Road, turn left at Arrowood Road and continue to the end where you will find a trailer on entry the city. A country entry feels expansive and a practical route. The hike is mostly uphill terminating at large meadow of steps and trail connects you to the Lafayette Ridge Trail.

■ Springhill Valley Trail • Distance: .71 miles

Note: Parking not permitted on Linden Drive

The entrance to the Springhill Valley trail is at the intersection of Linden Drive and Linden Place. From there, the trail proceeds up Linden Drive 0.19 mile then turns into asphalt trail and follows the wooded hillside. A panoramic view of the valley, meadow and has access to and more to meet the Lafayette Ridge Trail.

■ Walden Center Trail • Distance: 1.17 miles

The trail begins on the north side of Mt. Diablo Blvd. on the upper entrance to the Walden Center across from the Brownstone Place Condominiums. The trail follows the road, passes Mt. on Terrace Lane, turns right on Cambridge Drive and follows the road on a cul-de-sac. Here, the trail follows the paved bike lane to emerge with Grand Ridge Road. At Grand Ridge Road, the trail is the dirt trail on the north across from Grand Ridge Court. The trail climbs a small knoll and large Silver Springfield eventually turns to the paved driveway which leads to Cambridge Drive. Follow the road to the cul-de-sac at the end of Cambridge Drive and take the paved path over the bridge and ramp to the school on Happy Valley Road. Then right on Happy Valley Road to Panorama Drive and follow the trail to the trail head entering Briones Regional Park.

LAMORINDA TRAIL LOOP PROJECT

Around Town

Sept. 10 & 11 **THE ANNUAL ART & WINE FESTIVAL** – Art and crafts booths, food, wine tastes beyond. Free trolley service. Downtown Lafayette. For more info, Chamber of Commerce (925) 283-5454 or www.lafayettechamber.org

Sept. 28–30 **LAFAYETTE PERFORMING ARTS MEMBERS' BANQUET** – Celebrate community artists! 6:30 p.m. Open to All. Cost $75 per person. Call (925) 283-1985 for more information.

Sept. 30 **LAFAYETTE HARVEST RUN** – Early race schedule so you have time to enjoy the rest of the day. Choose 5K or 10K course, or walk at leisure. Run to the corner of Moraga and Mt. View Drive in Lafayette. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce (925) 283-5454 or visit www.lafayettechamber.org

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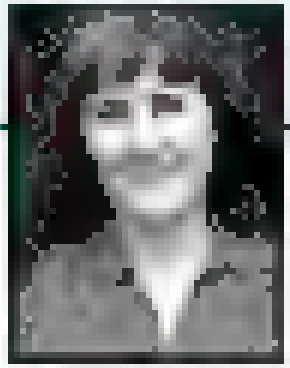

1. "What is the City's top environmental challenge?"
2. "What is the most critical issue the City of Lafayette must successfully address?"
3. "What has been the most significant program, event or service the City provided in the past year?"
4. "What has been the most significant development in the area of parks and recreation in the past year?"
5. "What is the most significant development in the area of open space and trails in the past year?"
6. **Jennifer Russell, Director of Parks, Trails & Recreation, then and now**

Jennifer grew up in Lafayette and graduated from Acalanes High School. She then attended college in Chico, where she received a degree in Recreation Administration. She returned to the Lamorinda area and began working as a recreation supervisor for the City of Lafayette. She was then hired as the City's first Parks Coordinator. Over the years, she has worked her way up to Director of Parks, Trails & Recreation. Jennifer is very active in the community and has served on the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Lafayette Rotary Club, and the Lafayette Lions Club. She is also a member of the Lafayette Parks Foundation Board of Directors. Jennifer is married and has two children, Ryan and Kelsey, who attend Acalanes High School. Jennifer is a strong supporter of the City's recreation programs and has been instrumental in the development of the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Open Space Master Plan, Trails Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan, Lafayette Reservoir Master Plan, Lafayette Community Center Master Plan, Lafayette Community Pool Master Plan, Lafayette Community Park Master Plan, Lafayette Community Theatre Master Plan, Lafayette Community Gymnasium Master Plan, Lafayette Community Skate Park Master Plan, Lafayette Community Dog Park Master Plan, Lafayette Community Garden Master Plan, Lafayette Community Amphitheater Master Plan, Lafayette Community Aquatic Center Master Plan, Lafayette Community Recreation Center Master Plan, Lafayette Community Sports Fields Master Plan, Lafayette Community Tennis Courts Master Plan, Lafayette Community Basketball Courts Master Plan, Lafayette Community Volleyball Courts Master Plan, Lafayette Community Soccer Fields Master Plan, Lafayette Community Baseball Fields Master Plan, Lafayette Community Softball Fields Master Plan, Lafayette Community Football Fields Master Plan, Lafayette Community Lacrosse Fields Master Plan, Lafayette Community Field Hockey Fields Master Plan, Lafayette Community Rugby Fields Master Plan, Lafayette Community Cricket Fields Master Plan, Lafayette Community Ultimate Frisbee Fields Master Plan, Lafayette Community Disc Golf Course Master Plan, Lafayette Community Archery Range Master Plan, Lafayette Community Shooting Range Master Plan, Lafayette Community Golf Course Master Plan, Lafayette Community Driving Range Master Plan, Lafayette Community Miniature Golf Course Master Plan, Lafayette Community Batting Cages Master Plan, Lafayette Community Go-Kart Track Master Plan, Lafayette Community Bumper Cars Master Plan, Lafayette Community Ferris Wheel Master Plan, Lafayette Community Carousel Master Plan, Lafayette Community Roller Coaster Master Plan, Lafayette Community Water Park Master Plan, Lafayette Community Zoo Master Plan, Lafayette Community Aquarium Master Plan, Lafayette Community Museum Master Plan, Lafayette Community Art Gallery Master Plan, Lafayette Community Library Master Plan, Lafayette Community Theater Master Plan, Lafayette Community Opera House Master Plan, Lafayette Community Concert Hall Master Plan, Lafayette Community Auditorium Master Plan, Lafayette Community Stadium Master Plan, Lafayette Community Arena Master Plan, Lafayette Community Coliseum Master Plan, Lafayette Community Convention Center Master Plan, Lafayette Community Exhibition Hall Master Plan, Lafayette Community Trade Show Center Master Plan, Lafayette Community Fairgrounds Master Plan, Lafayette Community Rodeo Arena Master Plan, Lafayette Community Equestrian Center Master Plan, Lafayette Community Polo Field Master Plan, Lafayette Community Horse Racing Track Master Plan, Lafayette Community Dog Racing Track Master Plan, Lafayette Community Greyhound Racing Track Master Plan, Lafayette Community Harness Racing Track Master Plan, Lafayette Community Auto Racing Track Master Plan, Lafayette Community Motorcycle Racing Track Master Plan, Lafayette Community Bicycle Racing Track Master Plan, Lafayette Community Skateboard Park Master Plan, Lafayette Community Roller Skating Rink Master Plan, Lafayette Community Ice Skating Rink Master Plan, Lafayette Community Curling Rink Master Plan, Lafayette Community Bobsled Run Master Plan, Lafayette Community Luge Run Master Plan, Lafayette Community Skeleton Run Master Plan, Lafayette Community Ski Jump Master Plan, Lafayette Community Cross-Country Ski Trail Master Plan, Lafayette Community Downhill Ski Trail Master Plan, Lafayette Community Snowboard Park Master Plan, Lafayette Community Snowmobile Trail Master Plan, Lafayette Community Dog Sled Trail Master Plan, Lafayette Community Snowshoe Trail Master Plan, Lafayette Community Ice Fishing Area Master Plan, Lafayette Community Ice Hockey

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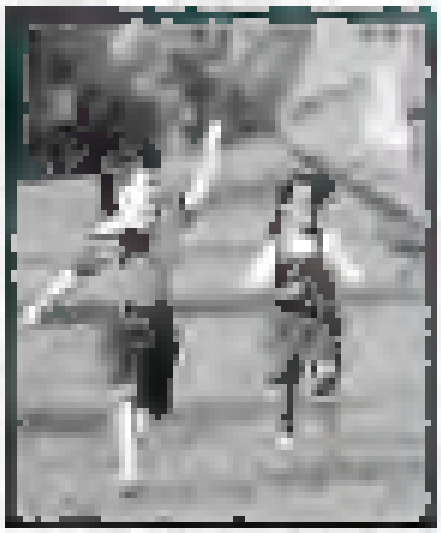

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